

HB0206



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB0206

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-5.25

Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. In a provision concerning access to psychiatric mental health services, provides that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall reimburse qualified mental health professionals as defined by the Department and federally qualified health centers as defined in the federal Social Security Act for mental health services provided by qualified mental health professionals, as authorized by Illinois law, to recipients under the age of 21 via telepsychiatry.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
5 changing Section 5-5.25 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-5.25)

7 Sec. 5-5.25. Access to psychiatric mental health services.
8 The General Assembly finds that providing access to psychiatric
9 mental health services in a timely manner will improve the
10 quality of life for persons suffering from mental illness and
11 will contain health care costs by avoiding the need for more
12 costly inpatient hospitalization. The Department of Healthcare
13 and Family Services shall reimburse psychiatrists and
14 federally qualified health centers as defined in Section
15 1905(1)(2)(B) of the federal Social Security Act for mental
16 health services provided by psychiatrists, as authorized by
17 Illinois law, to recipients via telepsychiatry. The Department
18 of Healthcare and Family Services shall reimburse qualified
19 mental health professionals as defined by the Department and
20 federally qualified health centers as defined in Section
21 1905(1)(2)(B) of the federal Social Security Act for mental
22 health services provided by qualified mental health
23 professionals, as authorized by Illinois law, to recipients

1 under the age of 21 via telepsychiatry. The Department, by
2 rule, shall establish (i) criteria for such services to be
3 reimbursed, including appropriate facilities and equipment to
4 be used at both sites and requirements for a physician or other
5 licensed health care professional to be present at the site
6 where the patient is located, and (ii) a method to reimburse
7 providers for mental health services provided by
8 telepsychiatry.

9 On and after July 1, 2012, the Department shall reduce any
10 rate of reimbursement for services or other payments or alter
11 any methodologies authorized by this Code to reduce any rate of
12 reimbursement for services or other payments in accordance with
13 Section 5-5e.

14 (Source: P.A. 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)